

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 367 - HB 1160**

April 3, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the certified nursing assistant career path program, a voluntary training program administered by the Department of Health for nursing assistants employed by a nursing home. Creates three levels of training each with a specified curriculum to be held at a public high school, state technical school or community college. Participants who complete each level of training and pass an exam will receive a payment of \$500 from the nursing home. Nursing homes are to be reimbursed by the state for the cost of training and the bonus.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$34,000 One-Time  
\$8,765,000 First Year  
\$10,486,000 Second Year**

Estimate assumes:

- approximately 8,240 aides would complete and pass the course in the first year at an average cost of \$1,050 including the \$500 payment. Approximately 9,900 aides would complete and pass the course in the second year.
- the Department would need four new positions and related expenses to administer the program.
- TennCare/Medicaid funding would not be available for the costs of the training. According to the TennCare Bureau, the state already meets all federal Medicaid requirements for certified nurse aids. The additional training created by this bill is not required by the Health Care Finance Administration.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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